

It there shall be an investigation. "Something like a condition of terrorism exists among the printing office employees. I have had some of them come to me to talk about this condition, who did not dare let me know their names; some actually went away without telling me who they were. Now, I feel that a Civil Service failure to such a state as that is a disgrace to a free country."

The Senator's observations as to the state of the printing office are in line with the experience of The Washington Times. The Times has for many years been known as the friend and supporter of the civil service employees and of an honest administration of the Civil Service system. In recent months the Times office has received many letters and personal calls from Government employees anxious to get conditions in their respective offices or employments understood, but not daring to let it be known that they had called on a newspaper office. Many have declined to give their names, always giving the same reason—they feared that in some way their action would become known to superiors.

Feeling has rapidly been growing tense in recent weeks concerning the alleged political reorganizations of the departments. In the interest of Democratic employees. The Civil Service law prohibits the consideration of political influence or affiliation within the classified service.

**"Based On Efficiency."**

Public Printer Ford, who assumed control of the big printery on July 1 last, was asked today about the charges that political influence is responsible for the political complexion of changes in the office. He replied that he did not know there was any political complexion.

"These changes have been made for the purpose of promoting efficiency in the work of the office," he said. "They are based on the efficiency records of the men, and political considerations are not weighed. As a matter of fact, I don't know the politics of the men involved."

"Are you able to express any opinion as to whether it is mere coincidence that the efficient people all seem to be Democrats, and the inefficient ones Republicans?"

"No, I don't know about the men's politics, and it has nothing to do with changes made in the office," he observed. "Mr. Ford would not express an opinion as to whether there might be an error in such a classification as was called to his attention, showing all the demotions among Republicans and all the promotions among Democrats."

"It is a fact," he observed, "that since these changes have been made the efficiency of the office has been increased, which seems to be a fair explanation and justification of them. Our records will prove this. Changes are constantly going on in the office, an incident to the management of such an establishment."

"When there is an excess of work in one division and a paucity in another, men are transferred from one to another in order to keep them at work. Otherwise it would be necessary to separate them from the service."

"There have been no political appointments. There have been some personal ones, because at head of the establishment I have desired to fill certain responsible positions with men whom I knew and was certain I could depend upon in all ways. That is, of course, true of all business establishments. But politics has had no more to do with these selections than with others."

## Death of De Villiers Kept From Children

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Ignorant that their stepfather, Roy L. Glover, is in jail for having killed their father, the two small children of Daniel De Villiers, delightedly emptied their stockings this morning of gifts placed there by Santa Claus, as impersonated by their sorrowing mother.

Glover's preliminary hearing was set for January 2, when it is expected his wife, formerly Miss Jean Campbell, of New York, will be the chief witness for him.

## CAPITAL ELATED BY UNDERWOOD'S PLAN

Majority Leader's Message, Conveyed By The Times, Reassures District Citizens.

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tail Merchants' Association, declared that Mr. Underwood's statement would restore the confidence of the people of this city in Congress as much as anything possibly could.

"My opinion that Oscar Underwood could be depended upon to do the level-headed proper thing is absolutely confirmed by this statement," Mr. Andrews said. "It is splendid, and will restore confidence as much as anything possibly could. The times of a bridge of reassurance from the leader of the House majority, is one of the finest Christmas offerings that could have been made to the people of Washington."

**Sky Now Cleared.**

The sky has thus been cleared of the cloud of uncertainty, doubt, and ill feeling that arose with the hasty report from the District Committee of the House of the bill to abolish the half-and-half principle of appropriations. A feeling of gratitude to Leader Underwood and of confidence in the House of Representatives has been substituted. The Alabama statesman will leave Washington today for his home with the best wishes of the people here.

In his statement printed Christmas afternoon in The Times, Mr. Underwood declared his opposition to legislation which would simply abolish the half-and-half law, and expressed his belief that such a bill will never pass the House. His attitude was defined as favoring the continuance of the law until a readjustment is impartially shown to be necessary. He suggested that the President name a commission composed of men outside of Congress, an absolutely non-partisan organization, to investigate thoroughly the fiscal relations between the District and Federal treasuries.

## Carranza to Join Villa In March on Capital

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 25.—News was received at the garrison here today that Gen. Venustiano Carranza, first chief of the constitutional forces, will take a personal part in the advance of the revolutionary army on Mexico City. General Carranza is now on his way from Hermosillo to join General Villa at Chihuahua.

It is expected that the advance on the capital will start by the first of the year, and will be participated in not only by General Villa's army and that of Gen. Gertrudis Sanchez, who has been operating comparatively close to the capital city, in the states of Morelia and Jalisco, but also by a part of the forces now distributed in Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, part of which is now close to San Luis Potosi, which is less than 200 miles from the capital.

Col. E. P. Casas will leave the Sonora division of General Villa's army, which will march south. As part of the equipment, one of the railroad trains from here south has been put in commission and the first ammunition train left here yesterday for Chihuahua, with 40,000 rounds. Another train with a like amount and the addition of ammunition for the capture of the city will follow today.

It is understood here that Villa is continuing to hold wealthy Mexicans for ransom before permitting them to come to the border, and it is also reported that he is also holding the Texas property as security for \$500,000 worth of currency which he has issued under the seal of the state of Chihuahua.

## DROWNED IN BUCKET OF PAINT

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Drowned in a bucket of paint, George W. Riggs, insurance broker, was found dead in the bathroom of his home today.

Riggs mounted a ladder to paint the bathroom ceiling. It is supposed that he was overcome by the fumes of benzine and swooned. He was found lying in the bathtub, his head in the paint bucket.

## James Thatcher, Poli Manager, Hit By Auto

James Thatcher, manager of Poli's Theater, was knocked down by an automobile at Fourteenth and Girard streets northwest Thursday night and bruised about the body. His shoulder blade was dislocated and his hip injured.

In spite of his injuries, Mr. Thatcher refused to stay at home today, and was at the theater looking after his work as usual. Shortly before noon his hip pained him so he was obliged to go to Emergency Hospital and have the doctors treat it.

Mr. Thatcher had just left a car to go to his home when a touring car coming south in Fourteenth street struck him and knocked him down. The driver of the machine stopped and offered to take him to a hospital, but Mr. Thatcher managed to shove his shoulder blade and hip back in place himself and declined hospital treatment.

## Drill At Fort Myer.

Under the command of Major C. P. Summerall, the Third Field Artillery is holding an artillery drill at Fort Myer this afternoon. Batteries D, E and F are participating.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Cloudy, with light rain or snow this afternoon and tonight; colder tonight; high northwest winds.

For Maryland and Delaware—Cloudy with light rain or snow this afternoon and tonight; colder tonight; Saturday fair; high west winds.

For Virginia—Cloudy tonight; probably snow in the mountains tonight; Saturday fair; high west winds.

For Pennsylvania—Snow this afternoon and tonight; colder tonight; Saturday fair; high west winds.

For New Jersey—Rain or snow tonight; colder tonight; Saturday fair; high west to high west winds.

The temperature today as registered at the United States Weather Bureau and Affleck's:

U. S. BUREAU.	AFFLECK'S.
8 a. m. .... 36	8 a. m. .... 40
9 a. m. .... 36	9 a. m. .... 40
10 a. m. .... 37	10 a. m. .... 41
11 a. m. .... 37	11 a. m. .... 41
12 noon .... 38	12 noon .... 41
1 p. m. .... 39	1 p. m. .... 42
2 p. m. .... 41	2 p. m. .... 45

**TIDE TABLE.**  
High tide 5:57 a. m. and 7:06 p. m.  
Low tide 10:45 a. m. and 1:03 p. m.

**SUN TABLE.**  
Sun rises 7:14 a. m. sets 4:47 p. m.

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## DEWEY CELEBRATES HIS 76TH BIRTHDAY

Admiral Says, "In Time of Peace, Prepare to Maintain It."

"In time of peace prepare to maintain it," Admiral George Dewey, hero of Manila bay, signified his seventy-sixth birthday at his home, 1801 K street northwest, today.

"I see no signs of war," declared the admiral. Then he mused a moment and said: "I hope we have no more wars. It is with the words of Gen. Joseph Warren Keifer, former Congressman from Ohio, that I can best express my feeling concerning peace and the future of the navy. General Keifer said: 'In time of peace prepare to maintain it.' So say I."

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## Schooner Off Shoals.

The schooner Augustus W. Snow, of Bangor, Me., ashore yesterday on Diamond Shoals, Delaware, was reported to the revenue cutter service today as freed, unaided, and proceeding on her course.

made this recommendation after careful study, and I think it a mistake not to take the advice."

It was with a genial laugh and handshake that the admiral greeted scores of his old friends who called to extend congratulations. His only son came from Chicago to help him observe his birthday.

Congratulatory telegrams and letters from all parts of the country brought him good wishes of hundreds of friends and admirers.

## Milk Via Parcel Post Planned By Alliance

Milk from farmer to consumer via parcel post is the plan under consideration by the Housekeepers' Alliance, and the subject which will be considered at a meeting of the alliance to be held at the home of Emile Berliner on January 7. The use of an apollonia brand of container, which is both strong and light, is being considered also, by the league.

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## Schools To Give Up Private Property

Principals Must Invoice Every Article in Their Buildings Before February 1.

In order to put on record what private property remains in the public school buildings on February 1, principals of schools, acting under an order of the accounting officers of the District of Columbia, are listing every article to be found in their buildings. It is desired that all property, which is not owned by the Government, be removed by that date, but any which remains must appear upon a separate list from the invoice of Government property.

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Huerta Guards Against Bread Riots in Capital

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—Free grain was distributed today to the poor in several parts of the capital to guard against bread riots, which are feared by the Huerta government.

Growing discontent with the present regime in Mexico is augmented by the prospect of a food and fuel famine, and the authorities believe a startling bread riot might grow into a veritable reign of terror.

The constitutionalists today were believed to be scattering their fire. Rebel movements were reported to be in progress on seven important Mexican cities, including Monterrey, Tampico, Mazatlan, and Saltillo. Insurrectionists were said to be advancing simultaneously on these places. The strongest attack, it was believed, was being made on Monterrey.

The financial situation here was acute. Silver coin and small bills were almost unobtainable, and the people were looking forward with the greatest apprehension to January 1, when Huerta's emergency bank holiday will end. Many employees of the capital have been paid no salary for weeks.

## POSAM HEALS UNSIGHTLY SKIN DISEASES

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